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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. AMBASSADOR WILL BE PAYING FAREWELL CALLS NEXT WEEK. HE HAS ASKED TO SEE THE TOP THREE OR SUBSTITUTES, BUT WE DON'T KNOW YET WHAT RESULTS WILL BE. HE DEFINITELY WILL BE SEEING GROMYKO SEPT. 8. IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIAL POINTS TO BE STRESSED OR TREATED WITH CARE DURING CALLS WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE; OTHERWISE, WE WILL PROCEED ON OUR OWN.

2. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. STOESSEL ARE PLANNING DEPART MOSCOW SEPT. 13 ON SUPPORT FLIGHT. THEY WILL SPEND SEPT. 14 IN LONDON AND ARRIVE WASHINGTON (DULLES) SEPT. 15 ON PAA 107. AMBASSADOR WOULD APPRECIATE IF SOMEONE COULD CALL MRS. THOMAS TAYLOR (229-6131) AND CHECK ON DATE OF THEIR COCKTAIL PARTY.

3. AMBASSADOR REQUESTS THAT YOU CONTACT JANE THOMPSON ABOUT ART WORKS FROM METROPOLITAN AND OTHER GALLERIES NOW IN SPASO. ALTHOUGH HE AND MRS. STOESSEL ARE LEAVING, THEY HOPE PRESENT EXHIBIT (CONCERNING WHICH A NEW BROCHURE WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED) CAN REMAIN IN SPASO, AT LEAST THROUGH THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR. MANY REPRESENTATIONAL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT
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SPASO THIS FALL AND IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO KEEP

PRESENT IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION IN PLACE. IF JANE FEELS THAT IN CIRCUMSTANCES SHE DOES NOT HAVE TO RAISE THE MATTER OF THE COLLECTION WITH THE METROPOLITAN, THEN SO MUCH THE BETTER. IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD, OF COURSE, THAT SPASO STAFF REMAINS IN PLACE AND PICTURES WILL CONTINUE TO BE LOOKED AFTER FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE.

4. AMBASSADOR ALSO ASKS THAT YOU MENTION TO JANE HIS INTEREST IN ARRANGING ART COLLECTION FOR BONN RESIDENCE. HE SUGGESTS WOOWARD FOUNDATION WOULD BE GOOD POSSIBILITY; IF METROPOLITAN COULD PROVIDE PICTURES THIS WOULD BE FINE, TOO, ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR UNDERSTANDS THIS MIGHT NOT BE IN BALLPARK. HE AND MRS. STOESEL WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH JANE AFTER THEIR RETURN.

5. FOLLOWING FROM AMBASSADOR: I APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE AND AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR FINE SUPPORT YOU AND ALL IN SOV HAVE GIVEN TO ME DURING MY TOUR. IN ALL MY EXPERIENCE, I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH CLOSE RAPPORT BETWEEN POST AND COUNTRY DESK AS HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BETWEEN EMBASSY AND SOV; THIS HAS HELPED IMMEASURABLY IN COPING WITH DEVELOPMENTS DURING A PARTICULARLY BUSY AND DIFFICULT TIME. MY BEST TO ALL, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON.
STOESEL

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